

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Applicants: Toru TAKAMIZAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3503

Serial No.: 08/620,541

Examiner: L. Footland

Filed: March 25, 1996

For: PRELOADING METHOD FOR PRELOAD-ADJUSTABLE ROLLING
BEARING AND MANUFACTURE OF THE SAME

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 1996

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 18, 1996,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 17a, line 7, change "FIG. 15(A)" to --FIG. 1(A)--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 60-66 (as re-numbered) lines 1 and 2 of each, change
"54 or 55" to --58 or 59--.

Claims 69-75 (as re-numbered) line 1 of each, change "63 or
64" to --67 or 68--.

REMARKS

First, applicants regret the mis-numbering of the claims
added by preliminary amendment and appreciate the Examiner's

calling this to their attention by re-numbering the claims. By means of this amendment, the dependency of the claims has been changed to conform to the re-numbering.

The Examiner required an election of species, denoting the different species as those of Figs. 1A-D, Figs. 2A-E, Figs. 3A-E, Figs. 4A-B, Figs. 5A-B, Fig. 13, Fig. 24, Fig. 26, Fig. 28, Fig. 29, Fig. 30, and Fig. 31.

In response to this requirement, applicants hereby provisionally elect the species of Fig. 5 (5A-B) for prosecution in this application without prejudice to their right to file one or more divisional applications covering the remaining species. It is pointed out that in the event a generic claim is ultimately held allowable, the Examiner must examine a reasonable number of species.

Claims 58-66 and 68-75 read on the provisionally elected species. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, it is respectfully submitted that the independent claims are generic.

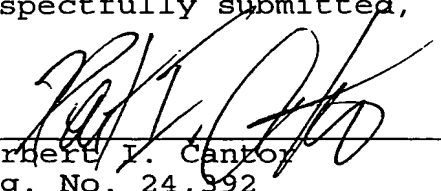
All formal matters having been attended to, an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

be credited, to the Deposit Account of Evenson, McKeown, Edwards
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